

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR ROSEMARY
KAPTUR

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 1995

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Rosemary Kaptur, an outstanding leader and resident of the Third Congressional District. After 17 years of dedicated public service, Rosemary Kaptur is resigning as mayor of Palos Park, Illinois.

Ms. Kaptur began her political career in 1975 when she became the first woman to be elected Commissioner to the Village Council. Prior to entering the political arena, Ms. Kaptur, who earned a degree in journalism and public relations, worked as an advertising manager. She was also very involved with community organizations and served as the public relations liaison for the Palos Park Library Board. In 1978, Ms. Kaptur was appointed as the first woman mayor of Palos Park. Since then, she has been elected by her constituents for three consecutive terms as Mayor of the Village.

During her tenure as mayor, Ms. Kaptur has accomplished a tremendous amount on behalf of the residents of Palos Park. A strong advocate for the arts, Ms. Kaptur instituted the Fine Arts Committee, allowed the continued use of the Village Hall by the Palos Village Players, and hosted the Concert in the Park and the Taste of Palos. Her beautification efforts and the development of a Tree Body Committee have earned Palos Park Tree City USA Awards for 1994 and 1995. In addition, the Village parking lot was recently paved and the Heritage Court, a historic brick patio, was constructed. Mayor Kaptur also utilized her political and public relations skills to secure various state and federal grants for Palos Park. For example, Palos Park received a \$2.5 million Build Illinois grant to defray the cost of installation of a new sanitary sewer, a \$1.5 million Metropolitan Water Resources Development grant for sanitary sewer lift station and force main, and a \$450,000 Department of Conservation grant to rehabilitate the Village Hall. Mayor Kaptur has introduced 911 emergency services, a cable television franchise, and a cost-saving trash removal franchise to Palos Park while expanding the boundaries of the village through annexation of several properties.

After 17 years of public service, Mayor Kaptur has decided to retire in order to spend more time with her husband Joseph, her three grown sons, and her seven beautiful grandchildren. Mayor Kaptur has been a loving and strong influence on the Village for many years. I ask my colleagues to join the residents of Palos Park and myself in expressing our gratitude to Mayor Kaptur for her years of devotion to public service. I wish Mayor Kaptur good health in her retirement and, again, I thank her for her devotion to the residents of Palos Park.

TRIBUTE TO TUFTS UNIVERSITY—
TUFTONIA'S DAY 1995

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tufts University in Medford, MA, and to commemorate the 11th annual observance of Tuftonia's Week. This holiday derives its name from the title of the venerable Tufts football fight song written by E.W. Hayes, class of 1916. This is a special time for the 85,000-plus alumni of Tufts University to turn their thoughts to Tufts and to reminisce with old friends.

In 1852, Charles Tuft founded this eminent university, and the brightest and best students have been graduating ever since. I am fortunate and proud to have such an outstanding university in my district. I am also proud that two of my esteemed colleagues are graduates of Tufts: Congressman PETE DEFAZIO of Oregon, class of 1969, and BILL RICHARDSON of New Mexico, class of 1970.

This year's annual celebration, named TuftServe, is especially important, for its focus is on community service. This is an important time for fellow Tuftonian's to focus on volunteer alumni involvement in community activities. Their contributions to the community—locally, nationally, and globally—should serve as an inspiration to us all. I congratulate the alumni of Tufts University for their hard work, their dedication, and their loyalty. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, nor unappreciated.

CHAMPIONSHIP FEVER

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 7, 1995

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, there is championship fever at a high school in our congressional district these days, because for the first time in its history, Eastern Guilford High School in Greensboro, NC, won its first state title in any sport. This distinction was accomplished by the wrestling team when it captured the North Carolina 1A/2A team championship on February 25 in what was called the closest championship match in state history.

Now that the Wildcat wrestlers have won the first state crown, all of the other teams at Eastern Guilford are trying to win championships, too. Athletic Director Leigh Hebbard told the Greensboro News & Record that, "There has been some talk among our athletes in other sports that they want to get the next one. I think this has stirred up a little desire in our other athletes."

Most of the credit for stirring things up must go to Head Coach Robbie Harris and his wrestling squad. They completed an outstanding season with an exciting win in Charlotte. Going into the final match, Eastern Guilford held a 4½-point lead over Mount Pleasant High School. If the Mount Pleasant wrestler had secured a major decision (five points) or a pin (six points) in the heavyweight title match, the Wildcats' championship would have been lost. But the Mount Pleasant wrestler could only salvage a tie in his match, thus securing the victory for Eastern Guilford.

Congratulations for this title goes to each member of the Wildcat wrestling squad: Hugh Armstrong, Alan Aufderhar, Mike Baker, Kevin Bowman, Nick Campell, Travis Coleman, Richard Mai, Thien Mai, Braxton McIntyre, Cory Phoenix, Anthony Poole, Tony Taylor, Matt Tolbert, Paul Vanness, Brooks Williams, Garrett Williams and Roy Wilson. Additional thanks for their assistance goes to the Eastern Guilford Wrestlerettes/Mat Maids: Cassa Allison, Crystal Barfield, Kristi Bettini, Erica Busick, Amber Cunningham, Amy Frazier, Sharon Garrett, Christina Hughes, and Katie Tolbert. Special thanks also goes to athletic trainer Cher Frauenhoffer and to student trainers Tracie Peebles and Jamie Russell.

To all of Eastern Guilford's students, faculty, staff, families and friends, we say thanks for your support of the Eastern Guilford High School wrestling champions. Everyone from Principal Jane Teague to Athletic Director Leigh Hebbard to Head Coach Robbie Harris should be praised for bringing the first state high school championship to Eastern Guilford High School.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 7, 1995

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend an exceptional citizen. Al Philips, Jr., who as president of the Sag Harbor Ambulance Corps for 10 years, was recently named Member of the Year. Mr. Philips is a training officer, a cardiopulmonary resuscitation instructor, and an emergency medical technician certified in critical care. Mr. Philips has made great sacrifices to ensure that he has been there for the corps and the community of Sag Harbor.

Today, more and more people are seeking to get involved in their communities. The unsung leaders of this community movement are volunteers. From our volunteer firemen to the high school jazz band playing concerts for senior citizens, from child mentors to literacy volunteers, these people are the glue that keep our communities together.

But what exactly is community service? Most people think of it as the act being performed, such as a rescue of a child by an emergency service volunteer. But in fact, service is not isolated to what we call "the action of". Rather, service is the sacrifice one makes to be a volunteer. This may include the sacrifice of time with your family, the sacrifice of money, or even one's life. A volunteer fireman understands this every time he enters a burning building. And what about the volunteer's family? They obviously are forced to join him or her in the world of volunteerism, because they too make sacrifices.

The most important aspect of service occurs after what we are calling "the action of." This is when the stories of the volunteers are relayed to others. When a college kid decides to spend an afternoon volunteering at a soup kitchen, the more important act of service occurs soon after he leaves. It occurs when he goes back to his dorm and tells the story of the grateful man who broke down in tears because the student had taken the time to help him in his time of need. It occurs when those